



Substance Abuse News

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Philip McCullough Retires



After a career that spanned 37 years in the human services field, Philip S. McCullough, Director of the Wisconsin Bureau of Substance Abuse Services since 1993, has retired. Phil's last day in the office was to have been February 15, 2002, however, a timely diagnosis of arteriosclerosis was made, and Phil had quadruple bypass surgery on January 15, 2002.

Phil began his career as a children's court probation officer in Dayton, Ohio, then moved to the Milwaukee County criminal justice system. In 1978, he came to Madison and the Department of Health and Social Services in the Bureau of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. During the next 15 years, he served as a section chief and then director of the Bureau of Community Programs, a large unit that included programs on mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, and sensory impairments.

In 1993, Phil was appointed Director of the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, the single state agency for all federal block grant funds coming to Wisconsin. Phil served on the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee, the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), both as treasurer and Region Five director. He also served as vice-chairperson of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organization's Behavioral Health Professional Technical Advisory Committee. Phil has received numerous awards over his career that include twice receiving the President's Award from the Wisconsin Association on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (WAAODA) and the President's Award from his NASADAD colleagues. Phil has been a teacher of social welfare classes at UW-MATC and UW-Whitewater and through the years has shared his knowledge and expertise of AODA issues at state and national substance abuse conferences and meetings.

Phil was recognized for service to the State of Wisconsin at the March State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) meeting. The DHFS Secretary, Phyllis Dubé presented him with a commendation plaque from Governor McCallum as well as a letter of appreciation from the Department.

Keith J. Lang Appointed Interim Director, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

(The following announcement was made on February 6, 2002 by Sinikka McCabe, Division of Supportive Living Administrator.)

Keith Lang has accepted the temporary assignment of Interim Director for the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS). His assignment began Monday, February 4, 2002. Keith has extensive background in substance abuse



services. Keith has been with the Bureau since 1990, first as a social services specialist and lead staff to the Governor's State Council on AODA (SCAODA), then a supervisory position in July 1999. He has extensive experience in grant writing, contract administration and policy analysis and development. (See **Interim Director** on page 3.)

Keeping up with Breaking News: BSAS to Develop an Email “Listserve”

The Bureau is establishing an electronic mailing list to alert substance abuse treatment providers, statewide associations, individuals in treatment and recovery, and other interested persons about breaking news, cutting edge research data and funding opportunities. The e-mail will also send notice of the latest newsletter and reports. Listserves are established groups of subscribers on e-mail who automatically receive selected information. Subscribers have the option to unsubscribe if they choose.

There are several ways to subscribe to this service: You can send an e-mail to langejb@dhfs.state.wi.us, which will ensure we have your correct e-mail address; send a written request to Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Attention Jackie Langetieg, P.O. Box 7851, Madison, WI 53707-7851; telephone Jackie at (608) 267-7164 or FAX the Bureau at (608) 266-1533; and in the near future, you will be able to subscribe directly on the Bureau’s web site (www.dhfs.state.wi.us/substabuse). Try it out. If it doesn’t fit your needs, you can have your name removed.

Substance Abuse News Going Electronic

For more than 25 years, the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services has published and distributed a quarterly or semi-annual newsletter to the professionals and associations in the AODA field as well as other interested persons. The electronic age has presented us with opportunities for instant communication. Internet and electronic mail offer great speed in the sharing of information, responding to funding opportunities, capturing the latest information about the field, and as a research tool.

Early in 1996, the Bureau developed one of the first comprehensive programatic web sites in the Department of Health and Family Services at: www.dhfs.state.wi.us/substabuse. With the majority of agencies and providers of AODA services now able to access the Internet, distribution of paper materials will be limited in favor of Internet publication. Lengthy documents, such as the newsletter and various reports and teleconference presentations will be published in Adobe PDF format, easily obtained without cost through the Adobe web site (accessible through the Adobe icon throughout our web).

To insure you receive notice that a new issue of *Substance Abuse News* is available for viewing on our web site, a quarterly e-mail notification will be sent highlighting portions of the newsletter, so with a click on the active link, you can select articles for viewing from your desk top computer. Individuals and providers may sign up to receive e-mail notification of *Substance Abuse News* as well as other information as outlined in the previous article on this page.

Addiction Services on the Web www.dhfs.state.wi.us/substabuse

Following is a list of some of the subjects covered in “Addiction Services on the web.” Internet access is a valuable and timely way in which to seek resources, look for training, meetings, and program information. Comments and ideas for improvement and easier touring through information are welcome. Each web page contains a date noting when it was last updated. Listed below are some of the links you will find on the left margin of our web pages:

Home: This is the main page and will have information about events and alerts.

Alerts: This link takes you to an index page with selections for current news, funding opportunities, and drugs in the news.

Conferences: A list of events relating to AODA training and education.

Publications: Newsletter, Annual Report, various reports from the Needs Assessment Project, and others.

Recovery: Information regarding our Consumer Initiative and other news relating to Recovery events.

HFS 75 and **UPC**: Information regarding the AODA Rules, Q&As, access to the rule itself and pertinent information about UPC training .

Substance Abuse Directory: This is an interactive site for locating treatment providers throughout the state.

There are other links that are self-explanatory such as the **Women’s Initiative**, **Teleconference**, **Gambling**, **Methadone** and others. We hope you will make our web site a regular stop for information relating to Substance Abuse Services in Wisconsin.

Transitions

The Bureau of Substance Abuse Services welcomes the following new staff:

Greg Levenick, section supervisor for the Program, Policy, Evaluation and Monitoring Unit. Greg has extensive background in substance abuse, mental health, and criminal justice services. He has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Sociology and a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling. While working for Rock County, Greg provided direct services and managed substance abuse, IDP, adult and adolescent services, and served as the AODA Coordinator and Adult Services Manager. Following Rock County, Greg was the administrator of Rock Valley Correctional Programs.



Outside of his work for the State, Greg participates in community service organizations that work to improve opportunities for youth.

Tara Miller, Program Assistant, Program & Systems Development Unit. Tara joined the Bureau in January 2002 and will be working with the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse as well as providing support to the section.

Substance Abuse Services in Wisconsin: 2000 Annual Report

The Annual Report, completed in December of 2001, is available to read and download on the BSAS web site: www.dhfs.state.wi.us/substabuse. Major accomplishments of the year included the following:

- Chapter HFS 75 SA Standards effective August 1, 2000.
- Expanded Services for Women and Families in Key Areas Throughout the State.
- Milwaukee County Family Services Coordination Initiative
- New Consumer Recovery Initiative Launched

Information contained in the report covers outcomes of treatment for substance abuse in Wisconsin and descriptions of individual treatment programs, which include women and special populations, intoxicated driving program information, community aids funding, substance abuse block grant funded programs, counselor development and competency, gambling awareness, and programs covering substance abuse in other populations and disability groups.

Interim Director (from Page 1)

He participated in the development of HFS 75, a program certification code for AODA programs and Wisconsin's Uniform Placement Criteria.

Keith has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Social Work. He started his state career in 1969 as a Probation and Parole Officer for the Division of Corrections and participated in the development of the Case Classification System used by the Department of Corrections. In 1979 he became a Social Services Specialist for the Bureau of Community Mental Health. His job duties included contract administration for community forensic evaluation contracts. In addition, he consulted on development of jail mental health programs.

Outside of State Government, Keith has experience in the military. He holds the rank of Lt. Colonel and serves as the Commander of the 467th Medical Detachment. He deployed with the unit to the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm serving as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the unit. The unit is responsible for providing mental health services, including prevention briefings, diagnosis, treatment, and critical incident stress debriefings for up to three brigades of combat troops.

These skills and experiences are also utilized in his role as lead human services staff for DHFS emergency government planning.

New Web Sites

Wisconsin Association on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse:

www.waaoda.org

State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse:

www.scaoda.state.wi.us

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Recovery:
It's a Family Affair –
and Everyone's Invited!

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Save the Date

May 6-8, 2002: The Wisconsin Association on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Annual Spring Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Madison. Contact: WAAODA at (608) 276-3400.

September 20, 2002: Wisconsin Women's Education Network on Addiction and Recovery (WWEN) Annual Conference, Ramada Inn, Wausau. Contact: WEN at (608) 265-4267.

September 24, 2002: The New Recovery Movement featuring William White, The Country Inn Hotel, Waukesha. Contact: Rogers Memorial Hospital at (800) 767-4411.

October 7-9, 2002: Substance Abuse Annual Meeting, Appleton Radisson Hotel. Contact: BSAS (608) 266-2717.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Led by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence since 1987, Alcohol Awareness Month begins with Alcohol-Free Weekend, which takes place in 2002 from Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7. Parents and other adults are asked to abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages for a 72-hour period to demonstrate that alcohol isn't necessary to have a good time. In addition, all family members are encouraged to take this opportunity to learn more about alcoholism and to investigate recovery throughout the month and initiate family discussions.

The Alcohol Awareness campaign, "*Recovery: It's a Family Affair - and Everyone's Invited!*" encourages local communities to focus on the part that family plays in recovery from alcoholism. According to the Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, more than nine million children live with a parent dependent on alcohol and/or illicit drugs, and more than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking. Alcoholism affects a wide circle of people close to the alcoholic: relatives, friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, classmates, teachers, doctors, community workers, and is closely linked to many of America's most difficult social problems, including crime, homelessness, teen pregnancy and domestic violence.

Alcoholism is not an issue of morality or "will power," it is a public health issue, and while families and friends often suffer many of the same consequences of alcoholism as the alcoholic, they are often overlooked when it comes to recovery.

NCADD operates a toll-free Hope Line (800-NCA-CALL) for information and referral, coordinates a National Intervention Network (800-654-HOPE) to educate and assist the families and friends of addicted persons, and has a web site with up-to-date information about alcoholism with links to other agencies and organizations in the alcoholism field.

April 11, 2002 is National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD)

The NASD program addresses a range of drinking behaviors from risky drinking to alcohol dependence. This year, the focus of NASD will broaden to include information about the consequences of at-risk drinking and alcohol's effect on general health, as well as specific medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and certain types of cancer. Based on the model used in the other [screening] programs, the alcohol program includes an educational presentation, a written screening questionnaire, and an opportunity for participants to meet with a health professional. Referrals are provided when appropriate. NASD is conducted in collaboration with many federal government agencies such as National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Centers for Substance Abuse Treatment and Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAT and CSAP). More information is available at the following web sites. www.ncadd.org and www.dhfs.state.wi.us/substabuse.